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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Applicants hereby set forth facts pertinent to filing the Declaration of the above-identified application.

A joint inventor of the present invention, Mr. Koji Hagioda, retired from employment with assignee Accenture Corporation on July 31, 2001. Mr. Hagioda has refused to join in this application and has rejected delivery of the application papers.

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Mr. Hagioda's last known address is 52-17, Minami-Kibougaoka, Asahi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan.

Submitted herewith as Exhibit A is a Statement of Facts in Support of this Petition signed by Ms. Yoriko Konishi, the person to whom Mr. Hagioda made an express oral refusal to accept the application papers and to join in this application.

The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is submitted herewith.

Any deficiency or overpayment of any fees should be charged or credited to the Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Acceptance of this application is respectfully petitioned for.

Respectfully submitted,  
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STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.47 (a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is a statement of the facts surrounding the attempts made to secure Koji Hagioda's signature on the Declaration in the above-identified application.

(1) I am employed as one of executive assistants in Accenture Corporation, Tokyo, Japan which is one of the assignees in the above-identified application.

(2) I conducted an oral communication in Japanese with Mr. Hagiota concerning this application.

(3) Mr. Hagiota's signature in this application was requested by phone on February 8, 2002, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment was mailed to his last known address on that same date.

(4) Mr. Hagioda's last known address is 52-17, Minami-Kibougaoka, Asahi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan.

(5) The letter mailed February 8, 2002 was not returned by the Post Office.

(6) A second request was placed on Mr. Hagioda's voice-messaging system on February 21, 2002.

(7) By telephone Mr. Hagioda refused to sign the Declaration in this application on February 22, 2002. Mr. Hagioda stated that he was unwilling to be concerned with the application, and that he had returned the papers sent to him on February 8, 2002 without signing them.

(8) A third request to sign the Declaration was delivered to Mr. Hagioda by electronic mail on February 22, 2002.

(9) Continued efforts to secure the cooperation of Mr. Hagioda in this application have not been successful.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement or the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any reissue patent issuing thereof.

April 19, 2002

Date

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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